## YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MICHIGAN'S HEALTH CARE LISTENING TOUR

What is a Health Care Listening Tour? The Health Care Listening Tour is an opportunity for Michigan citizens to tell the State their concerns about the impact that lack of health insurance is having on themselves and their communities. Local organizations in each city are hosting a town hall meeting for the Michigan Department of Community Health so we can hear from local residents, put a face on the data we have gathered, and hear about the impact that the lack of health insurance has on individuals, families and communities.

Why is the Michigan Department of Community Health having a Health Care Listening Tour? Michigan has received a grant from the federal government to develop a plan that puts forth a set of realistic strategies and viable options that will lead to health insurance coverage for all Michigan residents.

What does the Health Care Listening Tour have to do with you? The lack of health insurance has an impact on all of us whether or not we have health insurance. You can have a hand in charting Michigan's future course relative to expanding health insurance to all residents by attending the town hall meeting in your area and telling us about your concerns.

**How can you help?** The Michigan Department of Community Health is looking for your opinion on the following issues:

- 1) Who are the uninsured in your community?
- 2) Why are they uninsured?
- 3) Who should be the "players" in covering the uninsured?
- 4) Who should pay for health insurance?
- 5) How has the issue of the lack of health insurance affected your community?
- 6) What is happening in your community to address or assist those without health insurance?

## Schedule of Town Hall Meetings on the Health Care Listening Tour

City	Location	Date	<u>Time</u>
Flint	Riverfront Character Inn	Sept. 20	4:00 - 7:00
Gaylord	University Center	Sept. 22	4:00-7:00
Detroit	Marygrove College Conference Center	Oct. 13	6:00 - 8:00
Hillsdale	Dow Leadership Center, Hillsdale College	Oct. 19	4:00 - 6:30
Bad Axe	<b>Huron Memorial Medical Center</b>	Oct. 20	6:30 - 8:00
Kalamazoo	<b>County Board of Commission Chambers</b>	Oct. 24	4:30 - 6:30
Sault St. Marie	Lake Superior State Univ Cisler Center	Oct. 26	4:00 - 6:00
Marquette	Holiday Inn of Marquette	Oct. 27	6:00 - 8:00
<b>Iron Mountain</b>	Pine Mountain Resort	Nov. 2	4:00 – 6:00 cst
<b>Grand Rapids</b>	Grand Valley State University, Eberhard Center Nov. 14		5:00-7:00

If you require special accommodations, please contact the DCH office at: (517) 241-2966.